

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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## Credit Union Agrees to Postpone Decision on Theatre Lobby Till June

by Leta Mach

A general agreement was reached at the March 13 council work session with Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc. (GCACI) representatives and the center shopping area owner George Christacos. During the meeting, the credit union agreed to hold its plans to rent the theater lobby until June. It is in June that GCACI must decide whether to accept an offer to rent the theater for one year at \$1,000 a month.

Christacos had made that offer to GCACI at an earlier February work session. Later that month council met in a work session with credit union officials who wanted to rent the theater lobby. Although council thought an agreement had been reached at that February 26 meeting, credit union manager, Joe Comproni, appeared at the next council meeting to ask council to reconsider its position. A second work session was then scheduled for March 13.

"Waiting until June is no problem for us," explained credit union president Ben Rosenzweig, "we were just concerned this not be an open-ended affair." Council hopes many questions relating to the center shopping mall should be answered. GCACI hopes to know whether grant money or sharing the use of the theater with a cable TV company is possible. It is also hoped that the post office's plans will be known. The post office wants to build a new facility and will only need a small area of its present quarters if customer services are maintained in the center. At the previous work session, Comproni had told council that the post office would be a good site for the credit union. Nevertheless, he felt the post office's plans were very tentative. Christacos told council that the post office lease runs for another year, but he felt it would be two years before it could move.

At the March 13 session, Comproni asked whether there were objections to the credit union using the theater lobby if GCACI decided to use just the back of the theater. Mayor Gil Weiden-

feld explained that council had not taken a formal position on the question. Earlier Councilman Richard Castaldi had suggested that perhaps GCACI (in back) and the credit union (in front) could both use the building. However, Al Herling, a member of the GCACI Board of Directors, stated that the cultural arts center needed a mall entrance. An attractive lobby entrance would add respectability and acceptance, he felt.

"We have to be realistic and maybe even cruel; the theater wasn't viable in the past," said Councilman Richard Pilski. He felt only people could make the center viable and noted that the center already has daytime draws for customers. Although Pilski felt "GCACI can generate (customers) at night," he wondered "can they do it seven days." He added, "I think the credit union can."

Herling noted that even a New York theater is closed once a week. He also expressed his dismay that encouragement was being given to the credit union "on

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## Further Requirements To Be Imposed on GHI In Return for \$6.4 Million HUD Loan For Rehab

by Sid Kastner

As part of GHI's rehabilitation planning, much of Thursday evening's regular meeting was taken up with requirements that will have to be satisfied by the corporation in order to win eligibility for a low interest loan from the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency. The board also heard city manager James Giese explain details of proposed street renovation in the North End, which needs joint city-GHI consultation because of abutting GHI property.

Manager Kenneth Kopstein reported that HUD officials had made preliminary visits to some GHI homes and were dissatisfied with lack of uniformity of kitchen and bathroom furnishings—e.g., cupboards, flooring; and therefore will want to set up standards. Appliances however will not have to be changed. Another HUD requirement also is likely to be wall openings ("sleeves") for air-conditioners, to avoid using window space.

These improvements will necessarily add more cost to the rehabilitation effort, and some board members were not too happy, particularly with the idea of replacing cabinets. Both Margaret Hogensen and Virginia Moryadas noted that present cabinets in GHI homes are larger and of more utility than new cabinets are likely to be. Other

board members focused on the increased cost such changes will entail. Kopstein expressed his feeling that the added amount would not be "terribly onerous," and director Norman Weyel argued that "we've got to accommodate (HUD) on their required standards," because of the low interest rate the agency loan would afford.

The mechanics of financing such changes was the next logical topic to discuss. One possibility suggested by Kopstein was to extend the amortization period of the loan that GHI will be making, from 20 years to 30 years, thereby lowering member monthly payments. Director James Smith, who like Weyel favored conforming to the HUD standards, felt that an alternative program to incorporate the kitchen-bath remodeling was worth outlining to the membership. A different view was voiced by Ben Hogensen from the floor, who complained that "our heating system... should be our first priority; the average member can't afford to pay these increased costs you're talking about"; and a similar position was expressed by Moryadas. According to Kopstein, more information on the actual costs of remodeling will be available after the HUD people have inspected a representative sample of homes this week.

Another provision required from GHI as a precondition for the HUD loan is a set of Occupancy Criteria, which will spell

out financial family and other conditions to be met by prospective buyers of GHI homes. Such a set of conditions, the first of which is a declaration that GHI is an "equal housing opportunity" corporation, has been developed by staff and reviewed favorably by attorney Albert Ginsberg. To a question by director Ed James as to whether marital status should be explicitly dealt with—it is not, in the presented draft—Kopstein replied that HUD has no problem with omitting this. Moryadas urged that foster parents or children be included in the list of "immediate family" that is authorized to share a member's home; with board agreement this was added to the conditions, and director James Foster's motion to accept the set of criteria passed, with James voting against.

A related item, brought up later in the meeting during a Finance Committee report, was a HUD requirement that GHI achieve more minority representation. To facilitate this the Finance Committee recommended that minority purchasers—as compared to other purchasers who pay a minimum 10% downpayment—be required to pay 5% of their own "unobligated" funds. In general this seemed to be acceptable to the board, but since some confusion was evident concerning application of "Section 8" eligibility standards to minority buyers, it was decided to postpone action until a clar-

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## Vince, Cleo Dutton Honored By Fire Dept-Rescue Squad

(This is the second in a series of articles about the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad now celebrating its silver anniversary.)

by John C. Krob

On Saturday March 22 the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. and Ladies Auxiliary celebrated their Silver Anniversary and installation of officers at a banquet held at the Elks Lodge No. 1778 in Riverdale.

Many guests attended including members of other fire companies, county and city officials. The evening, however, belonged to those members of Company #35, past and present. It was a fine tribute to those who have given so much.

Special recognition was given to now assistant chief of company Vince and Cleo Dutton, fireman #35, and President of the Prince Georges County Volunteer Fireman's Association. Never count him out. In addition, Skip was the recipient of the Lions Club Fireman of the Year award, presented at the banquet by Tom Lehn, President of the Lions Club. What is it all about? Hot and uncomfortable, cold, wet and freezing, no matter what hour of the day or night, getting the equipment out, responding when needed. The top ten runners for 1979: 1. Matthew L. Weber, 2. Joseph D. Aulisio, 3. Hilary S. Brown, 4. William H. Hall, Jr., 5. William J. Sharpe, 6. David M. Wilson, 7. John C. Krob, 8. John R. Wynkoop, 9. Wayne L. Lewis, 10. Albert E. Davis.

To choose one member as the Rescue Squadman of the Year, and another as the Fireman of the Year is no easy task because so many members contribute and sacrifice so much that all are deserving of recognition. But each year there is someone, who by deeds or personal risk, stands out.

When apparatus arrived at the scene of a cave-in a man was observed lying at the bottom of the excavation. Rescue Squadman of the Year Timothy Pendergraph, without hesitation, and with great risk to his own safety, entered the excavation and began administering CPR.

Fireman of the Year, William R. (Skip) Bingham, Jr., suffered a severe injury in a motor vehicle accident. Some thought that his fire fighting days were over. But a dedicated volunteer can never be counted out. Skip is an example of that. He fought back and overcame his disability and

Dedication and Service—the words are synonymous with the Ladies Auxiliary. Choosing Fire Lady of the Year was again no

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## Roy Breashears' Retirement Dinner

A retirement dinner for Greenbelt Homes, Inc., General Manager Roy Breashears will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion, Sunday, March 30, 5-8 p.m.

After 27 years with the housing cooperative Breashears is retiring April 1.



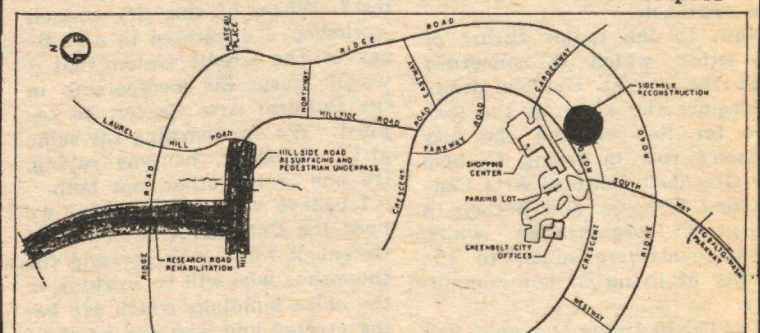
### City of Greenbelt, Maryland Notice of Public Hearing and Public Informational Meeting on

### Community Development Block Grant Improvements

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1980 - 8:00 P.M.

City Council Room, Greenbelt Municipal Building

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| STREET RECONSTRUCTION | — Research Road           |
|                       | Hillside Road             |
|                       | (Research to Laurel Hill) |
| PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS  | — Hillside Road           |
| NEW SIDEWALK          | — Up the hillside from    |
|                       | Center Mall Underpass     |



The purpose of the meeting is to review plans for the projects listed above and to receive comments. Of particular interest will be citizens' comments relating to the location of parking areas and sidewalks.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk



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### THANKS

No words will ever express the feelings that we felt when we were honored as the Quarter Century Fireman and Lady of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., at their 25th Anniversary Installation Dinner on March 22, 1980.

Over the years we have been recognized for being a part of the organization we love, but never has it meant so much as it has coming from our home company. We will both cherish and proudly remember the honor given to us for as long as we shall live.

The close ties and feelings that one forms in the service of a volunteer fire department can never be equalled in any other group. Naturally we are prejudiced, but in a quarter century in Greenbelt and 15 years in western Maryland, we know whereof we speak.

To all members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., thank you, it is not often that you are honored for doing the work you love with people you love and respect.

Cleo and Vince Dutton

### Helping the Baby

To the Editor:

Ed Haviland . . . in his letter in the March 13 issue of the *News Review* charges that "a newly formed organization . . . is bringing pornographic movies to our community." Apparently, he based his description of one of the many films shown on the objections voiced by Frank Gomez. Beatrix Whitehall's reply to Gomez' criticism is sufficient answer to his objection. I would only add that some people might even suggest that the *Songs of Solomon* should be eliminated from the Bible or that Shakespeare should be removed from the schools and the libraries of our nation. Sometimes, it seems that "pornography" may be in the mind and eye of the beholder. So—as far as Haviland is concerned one man's view of an outstanding film became his norm for criticism. Hardly an objective approach.

Now, to the major thrust of his letter, which is concerned with the Credit Union's desire to acquire the lobby of the theatre for its use and the city council's role in trying to help the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center find a home and become a full-grown organization which would contribute much to the quality of living in our community.

The Credit Union is a most valuable part of our community. It is a strong and viable financial institution, which has contributed to the welfare and well-being of thousands of its members. We would all like to see it grow and prosper. It belongs to us—the members—and we have every reason to want it to con-

tinue its important role.

Speaking for the Credit Union, its manager, Joseph Comproni complained to the city council that the council's interest in helping the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center to get started was an unwarranted interference in business arrangements between the Credit Union and the owner of the theatre property. The fact of the matter is that the city council was unaware of the Credit Union's interest in the theatre. The owner of the property did not indicate to the council that such negotiations were underway. Had the council been aware of this I think they would have suggested that Credit Union and Cultural Center representatives get together with the owner of the theatre property.

Back in August and September, one of the candidates for city council had called for the establishment of a Cultural Arts Center to be located in the Greenbelt Theatre. That, at least, was a clear public statement of intent. Did the Credit Union have its eye on the theatre lobby then? If so, why no mention of the fact, at least to the candidate? Was there uncertainty as to zoning for the Credit Union purpose? If such attempt was in the works, why no mention of it? After all, we are supposed to be a cooperative and friendly community.

The Credit Union is over 40 years old. It is strong, it is viable, it will last. Its existence is not threatened. But the Cultural Arts Center is struggling to begin its life. It wants to contribute much of value and enjoyment to the community. The city council had the vision to see its value and came to its aid. Are we to try to kill it before it can begin to crawl?

There are some who maintain that it is either the one or the other. That is cruel and myopic. We can have both. But why not help the baby to grow? The adult Credit Union's life is not being threatened. The life of the Cultural Arts Center may well be threatened. Is this a fair contest? When, at the city council workshop, I suggested to an officer of the Credit Union that I would accept his membership in the Cultural Arts Center, he replied: "We are sparking the same girl." In short, he was saying, it's one or the other, not both.

I believe very strongly that we need the Cultural Arts Center in Greenbelt for our people and the thousands who will be working in the office buildings which are being erected and who will be stopping at the projected Hilton Inn. Mostly, we deserve to have the Center for our own enrichment. Let us hope that common sense, cooperation, and community-mindedness will prevail and put an end to this unnecessary conflict. Let us demonstrate to ourselves and the people of our area

## Greenbelt Players Find Audience Appreciative

by Trix Whitehall

The recently reopened Utopia Theater hosted its first major production last weekend when the Greenbelt Players presented Lucille Fletcher's *Night Watch* to large and enthusiastic audiences. Under the direction of Angela Schreiber, the group gave an outstanding performance of this suspenseful play, and the company showed ingenuity in adapting to the confines of the theater's small stage.

*Night Watch* is a carefully crafted thriller. Elaine Wheeler, a well-to-do New York woman with a nervous breakdown in her past, sees a corpse in the abandoned building behind her house. Or does she? Her husband and best friend doubt her, the police dismiss her as a "crazy lady," and the neighborhood is thrown into an uproar. The plot takes many twists and turns, but you'll have to come and see the ending for yourself.

Although the entire cast was excellent, several actors stood out. Janet Cripe was stunning as Elaine, conveying all the emotional intensity of her demanding part. Bruce Fleshman, as John Wheeler, was powerful. His anger in the last scene was truly frightening. Judy Marshall was convincing as Blanche Cook, Elaine's best friend, doing a good job on a more understated part.

As Helga, the maid, Judith Holland played a bright supporting role, moving easily between comic and serious scenes. John Lebkicher was especially fine as Mr. Appleby, the eccentric neighbor who glides in and out of the proceedings.

As in any production, there were a few technical flaws. A window on one side of the stage is crucial to the plot, but the actors experienced some difficulty in projecting to the audience while looking out the window. Lighting changes lagged behind the cues occasionally, and the taped sound effects sometimes cut off too abruptly.

Lucille Fletcher, the author of *Night Watch*, was in the audience for Sunday's performance. She was delighted with the Greenbelt Players' interpretation of her work. The players can justifiably be proud of their achievement.

*Night Watch* will be presented again this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 28, 29, and 30, at 8:15 p.m. in the Utopia Theater. The play is being produced by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

that we have vision. As the prophet has said: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Albert K. Herling

### Mishkan Torah

Rabbi Kenneth Berger

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Sat., Mar. 29, 9:30 a.m. Services Bar Mitzvah David Boyer

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## Noel - Black

Margaret Mary Noel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Noel,

105 Northway Road, will marry James R. Black of Oxon Hill and Laurel on Sunday, March 30 at St. Hugh's Church at 3 p.m. The couple will reside in Laurel.

### MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
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Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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422-8057

## Greenbelt Community Church

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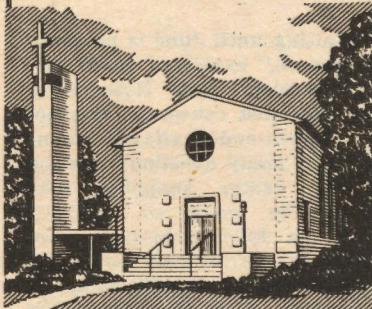
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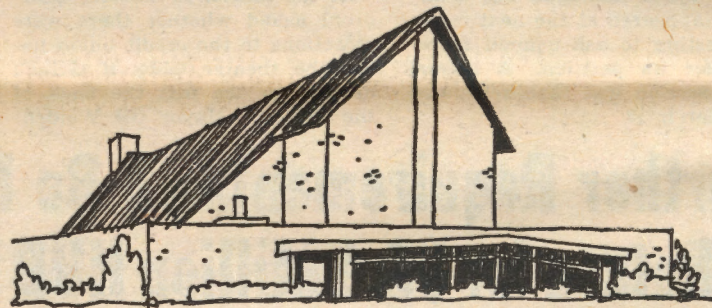
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## St. Hugh's Catholic Church

135 Crescent Road

474-4322

### HOLY THURSDAY

Seder Meal

5:45 P.M.

Concelebrated Mass of the Last Supper

7:30 P.M.

Confessions

After the 7:30 Mass

### GOOD FRIDAY

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross

12:10 P.M.

Liturgical Service and Communion

7:30 P.M.

Confessions

11:00 to 12 Noon, after 7:30 P.M. Services

### HOLY-SATURDAY

Confessions

11:00 to 12 Noon, 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Easter Vigil Service and Mass

7:30 P.M.

(Fulfills Sunday obligation)

### EASTER SUNDAY

Masses

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M.



## Committees to Study PGCC Scholarships Problems at Bethune

A number of parents, under the auspices of the Greenbelt School Study Committee have formed three major subcommittees to study problems they have determined to exist at Mary Bethune Junior High School.

These subcommittees are: academic program, particularly in the eighth and ninth grades; bathroom and school safety; and extra-curricular activities. Included in these discussions will be methods for improving communications between the school and parents and the need for a strong PTSA.

The parents intend to take the problems and suggestions for solutions to the principal, George Anderson, and northern area administrators.

Anyone interested in participating on one of these committees should contact Howard Savage 474-4904 or Eileen Peterson, 345-2454.

## PGCC Scholarships

Prince Georges County students may receive applications, recipient consent forms and scholarship notification forms for scholarships to Prince Georges Community College from their high school guidance office.

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2. Graduation from a Prince Georges County Public High School.
3. Residents of Prince Georges County.
4. Acceptance for admissions to Prince Georges Community College.



### CITY OF GREENBELT MARYLAND

The City of Greenbelt invites sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) four wheel drive ¾ ton pick-up truck.

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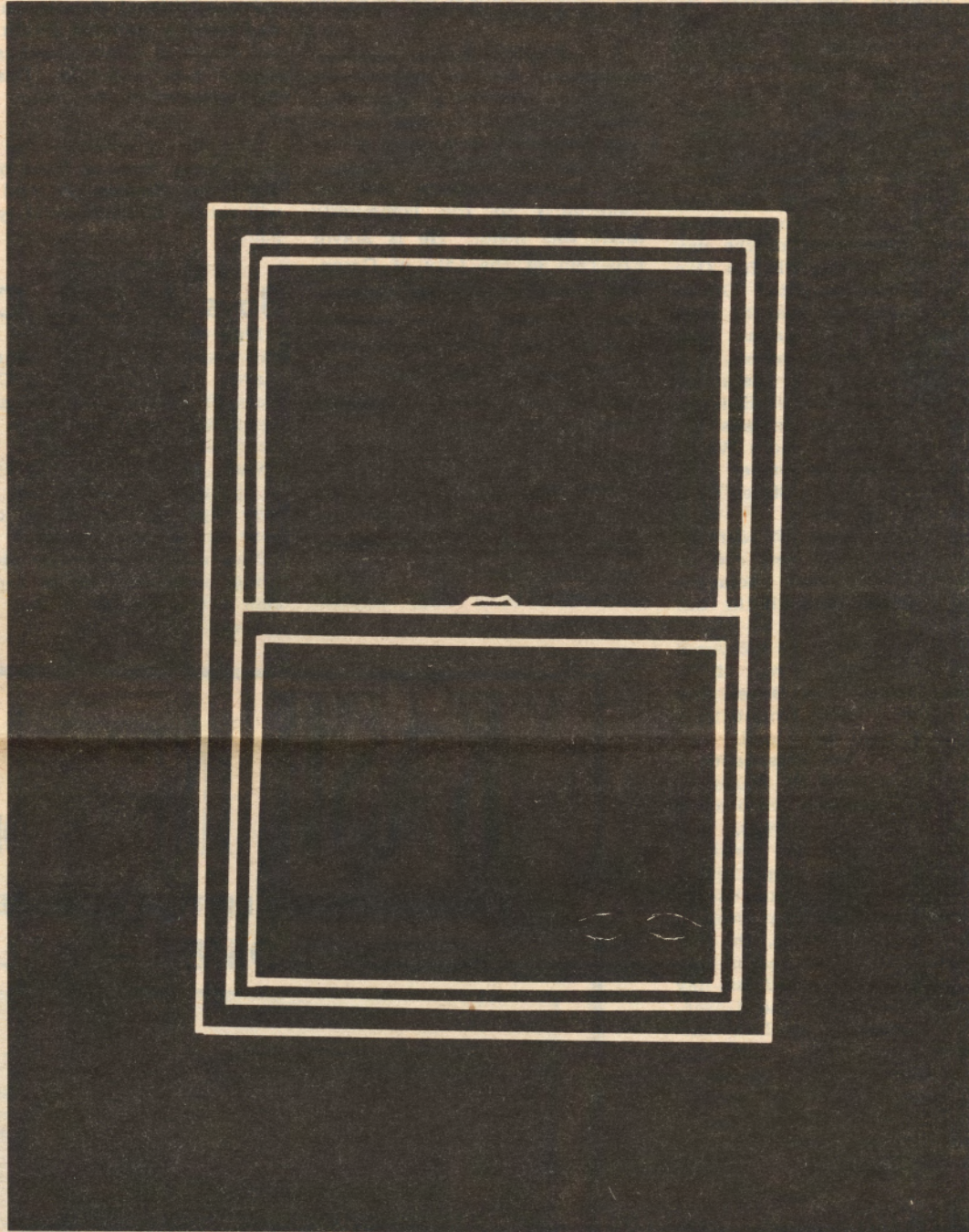
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# NIGHT WATCH



by

## Lucille Fletcher UTOPIA THEATER Greenbelt Center

Mar. 28, 29, 30

8:15 pm

Admissions:

\$3.00	\$2.00 students
\$2.50 groups	\$1.00 seniors
\$2.00 charter members	\$1.00 children



## Police Blotter

Between October 1979 and March 17, 1980 several indecent exposures occurred in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive. Detective Corporal Ceccarelli obtained warrants charging a local resident with four counts of indecent exposure.

Corporal James R. Craze attended a four day Crisis Intervention Seminar at the University of Maryland, Conference and Institutes Division.

A three year old female was the victim of assault. Detective Corporal Ernest W. Brumley charged a local juvenile with third degree sexual assault.

A breaking and entering occurred at the Beltway Plaza Carwash, 7906 Cherrywood Lane. \$70 was removed from an office. The case is under investigation.

Officer Terrance M. McGrath responded to the rear of the Beltway Plaza on a complaint. Approximately ten young adults who were consuming alcoholic beverages had turned over a Ford stepvan. The owner of the van stated that they did it in fun. One of the group assaulted Officer McGrath. He was charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery and resisting arrest.

A 1972 Datsun 240Z was stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The vehicle was recovered on the Baltimore Washington Parkway by Officer Gallagher of the United States Park Police.

Approximately \$1,200 damage was caused to the new sod on Braden Field when someone drove a vehicle through the ball field.

Pfc Edward D. Blake recovered a stolen Moped at the rear of the Beltway Plaza. The Moped had been reported stolen from a resident of Adelphi, Maryland.

Personal Crime Resistance — Do not walk on dark, poorly lit streets and stay near curb away from alleys, entryways, and bushes where someone could be hiding. Stay near people, avoid shortcuts through parks, vacant lots and other deserted places.

Pfc Charles Watkins, the department's crime prevention officer, attended the third one-day seminar hosted by the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, State of Maryland Crime Watch. The seminar covered commercial security, burglary, robbery, shoplifting and employee theft.

## GHI NOTES

Members are needed to participate in the GHI House and Garden Tour, Sunday, May 4. Members who have remodeled any area of their GHI home or who have an attractive garden that others might like to see, please call Linda Lynch, 474-5405, or Sandra Barnes, 474-6682. Since many members are planning changes in conjunction with the rehabilitation program, it is important to see ideas expressed in individual homes.

The Board meets tonight at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

## Inflation Fighter

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easy task considering this group of ladies. To Fire Lady of the Year Peggy Pergola, congratulations. To all the ladies, you're beautiful.

When merited, and by vote of two-thirds majority of the company, life membership is awarded. A life membership is an award given to an active member who has at least fifteen years with the company and has rendered outstanding service far beyond that which is required. Life Membership awards were presented to Harry S. Atherholt and Robert P. Pergola, and to Pauline Borda and Dot Borda of the Ladies Auxiliary.

A very special honor, presented to someone who has rendered the company, community, county or state some outstanding service was presented to a man whose achievements, attributes, dedication, accomplishments and responsibility to the community merit this honor. He is Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Greenbelt, Past Mayor, Past Councilman. He joins a select few, Albert (Buddy) Attick and Charles T. McDonald. Congratulations to Richard R. Pilski, Honorary Chief of Company #35.

Other awards were presented to members for service within the company, but the most significant award is each member's being cognizant of their individual effort, their help, devotion and dedication.

## Trip to Orioles Opener Planned by Rec. Dept.

A block of 40 tickets has been reserved by the Greenbelt Recreation Department for the opening game of the Baltimore Orioles 1980 season at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. Arrangements have been made for round trip bus transportation to the Baltimore Memorial Stadium. The Baltimore Orioles will be hosting the Kansas City Royals.

Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To reserve a place and receive additional details on cost and sign-up, call the Youth Center Business Office, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 474-6878. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 4.

The bus is scheduled to leave at 12 noon from in front of the Municipal Swimming Pool and will return at approximately 5:30 p.m.

## Boys & Girls Club

Sign-ups for softball and baseball teams will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon and at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 12:15 'til 2 p.m.

Girls may sign up for 11, 13, or 15 under softball teams. Boys may sign up for 13, 14, or 15 year old baseball teams.

New members are reminded to bring birth certificates and recent school photos if they have not already done so.

## Credit Union con't fr. p.1

the basis that GCACI will have a stillbirth" just as it is being founded. Weidenfeld replied that realistically a deadline was needed for plans for the theater space. "We're not looking for the demise of GCACI," he stated, "We're being very supportive."

Earlier, Councilman Charles Schwan had declared "We want to do what we can for the benefit of everyone. For all practical purposes, there will or will not be a cultural arts center in June," he stated. He was afraid that an alternate use of the lobby at this time could spell the demise of GCACI. Waiting three months would give "this really great idea" a better chance, in his view.

At the beginning of the meeting, participants reviewed a list of council's meetings on the Greenbelt commercial center during the last year. Weidenfeld explained that he "wanted to make it clear that council has a long ongoing interest in the center." The five page, typed list included meetings about rezoning, the sidewalk easement, technical assistance and funding for revitalization, GCACI plans, and a public hearing on proposals for the theater. All of these were reported in the News Review. Councilman Thomas White saw two flaws: (1) the city did not contact the credit union when council heard on October 16 that it was interested in the theater; and (2) the credit union did not contact the city about its needs.

It was in a work session on October 16 that the theater owner described his plans to use most

of the theater for a health spa with the credit union taking a back corner and the shoe repair shop part of one side. The next meeting on the issue was a November 5 public hearing about uses for the theater. Many citizens spoke in favor of a cultural arts center. Others spoke against a health spa. No one spoke for, or of the credit union. Rosenzweig stated that the credit union dealt directly with the theater owner and he felt "GCACI had no financial backing." Compromi added that "it seemed to me there was nothing contrary to the city's interests in what we were doing." Weidenfeld called the theater plans presented in October general and noted that it was only in late January that council first heard of the credit union's immediate plans to use the lobby. White summarized the city's concern as "a historical, future and continuing interest in the center."

## Census Day, April 1

Residents of Greenbelt will receive their 1980 census packets in the mail this Friday, March 28.

The Census Bureau urges everyone to complete the forms and mail them by April 1 — "Census Day" — in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope included in the packet. April 1, 1980 is the day for the official count of the population for the year. These figures are used to set voting districts, allocate federal funds and plan for future development.

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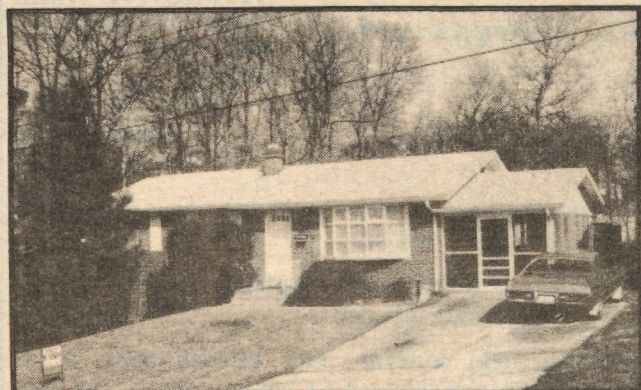
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# Questions of Increasing Size Of City Council Explained

by Will Scheltema

At the February 4 city council meeting Springhill Lake resident Jose Morales raised a new issue when he proposed that the Greenbelt City Council consider increasing the number of its members.

"My opinion is that the council is overworked and they don't have enough people to deal with the problems of the city," Morales commented later.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, however, is unsure of the proposal. "I haven't had any feelings that the community is unhappy with the council and how it operates," he said.

Changing the number of members is not an easy task. Under Section 14, Article 23a of the State Code, Morales would have to have a petition signed by 20 percent of the registered voters (approximately 500), and then submit the petition to the City Council. The petition would have to contain the exact wording of the charter change.

Council would then have to decide when the initiative would be put to a vote. Council could put the motion on the ballot in the next regularly scheduled election or it could decide to hold a special referendum.

If more council members were added, the likely result would be that more people from newer sections of Greenbelt would have an opportunity to serve on the council, both Weidenfeld and Morales agree.

Morales feels that adding more members would lighten the workload and allow members to "devote more time to a particular subject."

Morales, long active in civic affairs, may have political ambitions of his own. "I might," he responded, when asked if he would be interested in running for a seat on the council. "If I run, I run against five, seven, or one hundred."

Morales was campaign manager for Konrad Herling, a candidate for council in the last election. Herling finished sixth at the polls, and only the top five become members of council.

"He might be interested," said Weidenfeld. "I'm not sure what his motivations are, but I expect them to be constructive and positive."

A problem posed by a five-member council is attendance, but according to Weidenfeld, the council has 90-95 percent full-time attendance.

"The first time that I can remember in my eight years on the council that we ran into the problem... was Monday night (February 4)." (Two council members missed the meeting—Richard Pilski, who was away on business, and Charles Schwan, who was ill.)

"As far as relieving the burden on the present members of the

# COUNCIL APPROVES EXTRA SPACE IN GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER

by Elaine Skolnik

By a 4 to 1 vote, the Greenbelt City Council on March 3 supported a request of the Western Development Corporation to increase the square footage of the Greenway Shopping Center from 220,000 to 263,000. Council members also expressed their desire to acquire surplus school land and opposed a rezoning petition for property located near Greenbelt Park.

The increase of 43,000 feet in the Greenway Shopping Center would provide for the Scan Furniture Store (13,000 sq. ft.) and Holiday Spa/Racquet Courts (30,000 sq. ft.). The city, in the annexation agreement with Western Development, agreed that it would not oppose additional square footage in Greenway so long as there was compliance with all codes.

Councilman Thomas White urged council not to take a position. He argued, "There will be traffic impacts over and above the first site plan, the impact extending to the parcels behind Greenway that are now up for rezoning." (Western Development, contract purchasers of 46 acres adjacent to Greenway, are requesting a zoning change from R-10 (multiple family/high density residential) to C-M (commercial miscellaneous).)

The rest of council felt that the two proposed businesses would not have an adverse effect on traffic since patrons of both would probably be shopping at other stores in Greenway at the same time.

Councilman Charles Schwan said, "I could be comfortable supporting this and opposing the other (rezoning)."

According to a report by Western Development consultants, Grove/Slade Associates, the additional stores "will have a nominal impact on the traffic operations of the intersections adjacent to the site. While the additional development is expected to generate a total of 100 to 126 trips during the PM peak hour, a significant portion of these trips are expected to be intercepted from the normal flow of traffic."

## Surplus Land

Council directed the city manager to send a letter to the County Council and the County Ex-

ecutive requesting that the 72 plus acre Board of Education surplus property located on Parcels 1 and 2 be conveyed in title to the city for a nominal cost, in accordance with provisions of Section 2.111.1 (d) of the county code. Greenbelt would use the land for park and open space.

The surplus property, located between Greenbelt Homes Inc. and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, was originally slated for a three school complex. It borders on three sides of a 5-acre city-owned tract that is being developed as an athletic field complex. However, the tract is substandard in size. City Manager James Giese pointed out that acquisition of the surplus land would enable the city to provide a recreational development that would meet the needs of Greenbelt's growing population. Without this land the city could not successfully complete the hiker-biker-jogger Perimeter Trail Park that will run from the city parkland to the north and south of the surplus land. The park will not only be connected to established trails in the core of the community but will also be connected, via a pedestrian overpass, to the Greenbriar development and to Roosevelt High School.

Giese noted that the surplus land is located in an undeveloped area of the city that is not served by either water or sewer. Consequently, the cost of providing sanitary sewer service would be uneconomical.

Giese also pointed out that the county has made similar transfers of surplus land and buildings to other municipalities.

In response to a request from METRO, council authorized the city's participation in the sale of METRO flash and senior citizens passes. The sale will be handled by the city's Finance Office.

# At Greenbelt Library

Adult Coffee Hour lecture, Tuesday, April 1, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Affordable Vacations. Under the auspices of the Community Services office of Prince Georges Community College, these informal sessions are open to all free of charge.

School's Out Films, Mrs. Amworth and The Man From Nowhere, Wednesday, April 2, 4 p.m. Ages 9-12.

Babysitting Workshop, for potential babysitters, ages 11-18, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22. Cosponsored by 4-H and Youth, P.G. Cooperative Extension Service. Pre-registration is requested.

Quilt making course, beginning Tuesday, April 15, 10:30-12:30 p.m. and running for 6 sessions, sponsored by the Community Services Office of P.G. Community College. There is a fee. To register call Mary Jane Shearer, 322-0797.

## C-O Zoning Opposed

Concurring with the Advisory Planning Board's (APB) recommendations, Council unanimously opposed the rezoning to C-O (commercial office) of 2.3 acres of land at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Good Luck Road across from Greenbelt Park. Located outside the city limits, the tract is presently zoned R-R (rural residential).

APB opposed the rezoning because of fears that "commercial zoning for this parcel could be the start of strip commercial development along Good Luck Road, east of Kenilworth Avenue." Additionally APB pointed out that C-O zoning would be an intrusion on Greenbelt Park and is contrary to the area Master Plan (Bladensburg-Defense Heights).

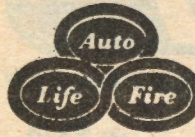
Council authorized the city staff to conduct an engineering and traffic study to determine if a lower speed limit is warranted on Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road. In a letter to council, Stephen R. Bupp, president of Condominium Venture, Inc. (Greenbriar Condominiums Phase I, II, and III and the Recreation Association), requested that 25 miles per hour speed limits be established on the road. The firm of John D. Emler will conduct the study.

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Bus fares within Maryland are proposed to be increased to 60 cents for rush hour trips within the state of Maryland and 45 cents for non-rush hour trips. Fares between Maryland and the District of Columbia are proposed to be increased by 10 cents per trip. It is also proposed to raise parking rates by 25 cents per day.

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## Bill Introduced to Raise Interest on Co-op Loans

Twin Pines may have some money to lend on GHI homes this summer if a bill sponsored by Dels. Jerry Devlin, Joan Pitkin, and Buzz Ryan (D-24th District) passes the General Assembly this session. The bill, HB 1342, would raise the ceiling on interest rates for co-op equity loans and thereby enable Twin Pines to obtain funds to relocate to GHI members.

Under present law, co-op loans over \$3500 are limited to 12% interest, and with conventional mortgages at 14-15%, finding financing that Twin Pines could loan at 12% is an impossibility. At a hearing on the bill on March 4, Del. Devlin urged the Members of the House Economic Matters Committee to allow co-op loans to be treated as unsecured loans under \$3500. This would permit the interest rate to rise to 18%; there is no ceiling at all on residential first mortgages.

Del. Devlin cited the "distressing flight upwards of interest rates" as the cause of the current co-op financing problems. Devlin also pointed out that co-ops have traditionally offered their

members lower-cost housing than is generally available in the market, and need and deserve equitable treatment with other types of home ownership.

Also testifying at the hearing were Pete Watters, President of the Twin Pines Board; Bobbi McCarthy, a member of the GHI Board; and Mary Lesslor, a GHI member who has recently moved but has been unable to sell her home because of the financing crunch. Lesslor praised the Greenbelt community, her GHI home and co-operative home ownership, but stated that unless the financing problems were solved, she would be discouraged from purchasing another co-op home. The Committee expressed sympathy for her dilemma.

The bill has now been referred to a subcommittee, chaired by Del. Frank Komenda (D-P.G.), who has sponsored co-op legislation in the past and is knowledgeable about GHI and the Greenbelt community. Del. Devlin is hopeful that the bill will get a favorable report in the near future.

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## Holy Week Activities At Holy Cross Church

Holy Week at Holy Cross Lutheran Church begins this Sunday with the blessing and distribution of palms, followed by the reception of new members, communion, and special music by both the junior and adult choirs. Services will be at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated by a communion service beginning at 7:30 p.m. with music by the Junior Choir. On Good Friday there will be a chancel drama given by the youth of the church at 7:30 p.m., followed by a cantata "On the Passion of Christ" by the Adult Choir.

A sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. at the church on Easter Sunday. The sermon will be given by Chaplain Whitfield McMillan and music will be provided by the Junior Choir. A continental breakfast for the worshippers will follow at 7 a.m.

Pastor Edward Birner will give the sermon at the regular Easter services. Both services will have music by both choirs. All members of the community are invited to attend these services.

The Junior Choir and the youth group are under the direction of Scott Wycherley; the Adult Choir is led by Tony McDonnell and accompanist for both groups is Carole McDonnell, all Greenbelters.

Other activities planned for Holy Week include: kite making in the Sunday School on Palm Sunday when children will make kites with an Easter message to fly on Easter morning; a slide presentation, "Oberammergau and the Passion Play," Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church; and various youth activities.

## Recreation Review

### Spring Holiday Schedule

The Youth Center will open at 12 noon Mon. thru Fri., March 31 thru April 4. On Mon., April 7, both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open at 12 noon.

### Spring Class Registration

There are still openings in many of the Spring Recreation Classes. For further fee and registration information, please call the office, Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m., at 474-6878.

### Tennis Court Use

Tennis players are advised to check posted rules and regulations for court use as well as schedules for lessons and tournaments.

## Garden Club News

Persons having garden plots may keep them this season by calling their area captains. Area captains are: G. Singletary, GHI North, 459-1958; T. Ramey, GHI South, 474-4623; M. Fowler, Ridge Road, 474-5698; J. H. Jones, Fury Property, 474-8827; D. McHenry, 345-7774.

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fication was forthcoming from the county.

### Street and Sidewalk Improvement

City manager Giese described to the board, with the aid of some diagrams, several improvements the city proposed to make—with Community Development Block Grant funds—that will require GHI's cooperation. One project is to run a gently-sloped sidewalk from the Center Mall up to the vicinity of the Green Ridge apartments, which will necessitate relocating some pipes and removing about four trees.

Three other improvements will be carried out in the North End area; reconstruction of Research Road, reconstruction and possible widening of Hillside Road between Research and Laurel Hill Road, and also construction of a pedestrian walkway in that area. Giese stressed that the city would try to avoid increasing GHI's parking problems in doing the work, and would encroach as little as possible on neighboring property. He said however that some easements will have to be requested from GHI. Here, Kopstein asked (half seriously?) "Will all those easements reduce our property tax?"

After some questions by board members—director Wayne Williams, in particular, foresaw some problems with street widening impacting yards—management was requested to look into the easement questions, and the Parking Committee was asked to review the present parking situation in the areas that will be affected.

The city will hold a public hearing on these improvements Monday, March 31, in the municipal building. Following a presentation of the improvement projects, the public is invited to comment or ask questions.

### Items and Suggestions

At the beginning of the meeting, member Steve Curtis proposed that members who are rewiring their homes need not use expensive copper wire but could use aluminum wire if properly

## GENEALOGY TOPIC

"Welch Genealogy" will be the discussion topic at the meeting of the P.G. Genealogical Society on Wed., April 2, at 7:30 p.m., at Greenbelt Library. Dr. Milton Rubincam, a member, will give the presentation. Nationally known author and lecturer, he is a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society and a lecturer at the Institute of Genealogy. Meetings are open to visitors. For further information, call 262-0665.

## SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS TO MEET

Separated and Divorced Catholics will present Brother Leon, a Franciscan Capuchian from the Washington Theological Union, to speak on **Developing One's Prayer Life** on Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Hugh's. Call 468-1245 for more information.

installed. Roy Breashears on the other hand cautioned against this as a possible fire hazard. Chairman Don Volk asked the staff to check on the facts, since a saving would result if the idea were feasible. Curtis also urged that whenever a roof needed to be replaced, the opportunity should be taken to install insulation under it. Weyel took this a step further, suggesting that flat roofs could also be replaced by peaked roofs to cut down on maintenance.

Chairman Volk, later in the meeting, announced that Bobbi McCarthy had been selected to represent GHI at the state hearings on interest rates in Annapolis; also Ed James has been appointed chairman of the Computer Committee.

A final item which appeared to cheer up the board, though received with caution, was Breashears' comment that Pepco estimates the cost of electrically heating a GHI home at only about \$500 a year; also the cost of heating maintenance should be lower than at present, according to that utility company. Board members will evidently take a "let's wait and see" attitude.

## Our Neighbors

Josephine Campa, the library media specialist at Springhill Lake Elementary School was selected as one of four 1980 recipients of the National Charles Scribners' Sons Awards. A teacher in the county for 15 years, Ms. Campa has worked as a librarian for four years at Springhill Lake Elementary and instructs students and teachers on the use of library materials. She will be honored at the 1980 American Library Association Conference to be held in New York June 27-July 4.

Mun K. Hong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sun Ku Hong of Mandan Road, has been named to the Dean's List for fall semester 1979 at the Johns Hopkins University.

At the Prince Georges County Board of Realtors Awards Banquet at the Lanham Sheraton Inn, a Community Involvement Award went to Greenbelter Eric W. Barber of Nyman Realty,

## KITE FLYING CONTEST

Greenbelt's Annual Kite Flying Contest was held on March 15 on Braden Field. The winds were so strong that kites were blown everywhere, into the woods, trees and onto the Youth Center roof. Special thanks to Kermit Smith for saving the day. Smith and his family helped the younger kids make and fly their own kites. The following were winners: Smallest Kite, Missey Smith; Oldest Flyer, John Jones; Highest Flying Kite, Terry Zanin; Youngest Flyer, Sarah Strozinski; Most Original Kite, Nathan Jones.

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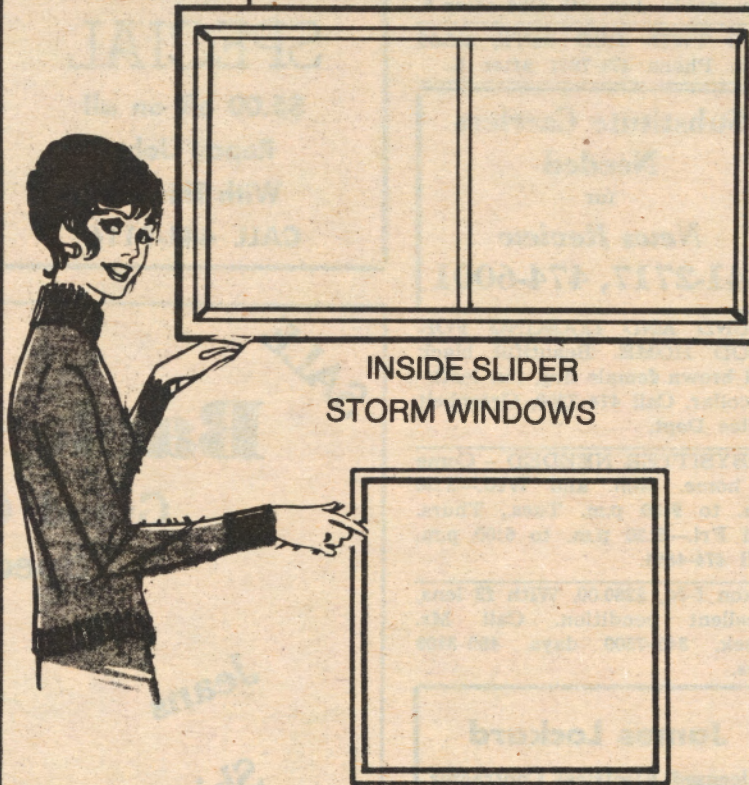
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